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Hearing: SAFE Truckers Act

WHO: Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection,

and Cybersecurity

Chairman Dan Lungren (R-CA)

WHEN: 10 a.m., Friday, June 16, 2006

WHERE: 311 Cannon House Office Building

WITNESSES

Panel I

Robert Jamison

Deputy Administrator Transportation Security Administration Department Homeland Security

Panel II

David S. McClimon

President

Con-Way Freight Inc., on behalf of American Trucking Association

Todd Spencer

Executive Vice President
Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association

Cynthia Hilton

Executive Vice President Governmental Affairs Institute of Makers of Explosives, et al.

BACKGROUND

The Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection and Cybersecurity of the Committee on Homeland Security will hold a hearing on H.R. 5604, the "Screening Applied Fairly and Equitably to Truckers Act of 2006" or the "SAFE Truckers Act." This measure would require the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to establish a list of security sensitive materials and require individuals transporting such materials to undergo a fingerprint-based background records check. This would reform the current, inefficient hazmat program at TSA, which screens every trucker, regardless of the risk of material they are hauling. The legislation would also require the Department to issue the permit in conjunction with the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) program – greatly reducing redundant checks and fines for truckers nationwide.